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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Eddy county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.
Arthur R. O'Quinn.

The first principle of democracy is economy, and were it not for republican extravagance in the management of our district courts and in territorial matters, taxes would not be excessive and even as taxes stand they are lower than in many states.

Tucumcari had a \$40,000 fire Wednesday morning about twelve o'clock, with only fifty per cent insurance, destroying the Jewell Racket Store, Top Notch Confectionery of J. R. Spencer, H. Yassen Jewelry, Quay Co. Savings Bank, and Williams Meat and Grocery Co.

The peculiar idea of some of the friends of this paper that it may be short on copy and require something to "fill up" has often led the printers to the very brink of profanity and only the deeply pious inclination of the "old man" has saved the reputation of this religious print shop. Long winded notices of social, church or other matters should be condensed to as few words as possible.

If the county tax rate had been doubled and then nearly half doubled again, as the territorial rate has, there might be some sense to the howl against honest men who are endeavoring to do right. Why is not the blame for high taxation properly located and the rascals responsible for it voted out of office? If the republicans of the Pecos valley had voted for Larrizola last year and those of other places had elected democrats for the legislature there might be some show to reduce taxation.

The plan so freely advocated to put the county officers on a salary is offered as a panacea for all the ills of a tax payer by a simple-minded well-meaning people who are ignorant as mud of the true method to reduce taxation. If the simple-minded idiots could tell how much, if any, taxes could be reduced by placing the officials on salaries it might sound sensible, but they cannot, for the plan proposed would increase taxation by making salaried offices out of those now paid by a per centage of collections, assessments, etc. If taxes have increased it is owing to graft in territorial affairs, because the territorial rate has more than doubled while the county rate has not increased since the republican layout almost bankrupted it in '01, '02, '03 and '04.

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The governor also said that the present law made liars of all men, even the most conscientious unless they gave in their property at rates so high it would be ruinous. However he advised the giving in of about one-sixth by all, and assessing all equal.

Those tax payers who feel they are overtaxed, in many instances are giving in too high while others are assessed too low.

The Current can prove its contention that the high rate of taxation is due entirely to republican misrule, that the rate of county taxation has been steadily reduced while the territory has continued to add burdens totally unbearable and has taken from Eddy county a steadily increasing amount each year until the amount has reached nearly twice and a half as much as under the last democratic administration, and all this is laid at the door of Eddy county's honest conscientious democratic officials. The wonder is they have kept so quiet and borne the stigma of a lot of republican grafters so uncomplainingly. Even the republican district judge has allowed bills for assistance in the district attorney's office that if investigated would hardly come under the jurisdiction of a judge to allow. The salary and fees of a district attorney are sufficient. Then the commissioners are expected to pay a deputy district clerk out of the general fund and as there is no law for this all such illegal bills should be turned down. Then there seems to be no effort by the republican district judge to expedite court matters or save expense. While personally Judge Pope is a gentleman his republican proclivities of extravagance are breaking out since he joined the party of pie and plunder.

A special election costs Eddy county \$500 and owing to the fact that only about 500 votes are ever polled at such an election the cost is about a dollar a head for the purpose of an experiment—very costly at least. Though the bonds voted at the last special election were well advertised and were not even hinted at being irregular in any way only one lone bidder was found and this before any semblance of a money panic had occurred. Since the money panic commenced the bidders finding it burdensome to handle the bonds discreetly found a loop hole as an excuse to turn down as good bonds as were ever issued by any county in the territory. Is it then the part of wisdom to hold another election now? What assurance have the commissioners that the proposed bonds will sell? Can the friends of the project sell the bonds? If they would not sell—and there is no reason to show that they will—then it is better to wait until the fall election when the \$500 can be saved the county and the propositions voted an all at once. Then it may develop that another proposition will be added and the whole county will have an opportunity to express itself on all the issues.

A delegation, consisting of G. U. McCreary and Mr. Atkinson, was down from Artesia Monday to advise the commissioners on the bridge proposition. A petition signed by 200 tax payers was presented the board as required by law, asking for the calling of an election to vote bridge bonds for the bridge at Artesia, and also a petition to vote on bridge bonds for a bridge across the Penasco at Dayton. Judge Daugherty of Dayton was here to push the Dayton project. After due consideration the board decided to turn down all requests to hold special elections at present because of unnecessary expense, Mr. Turknott voting for the proposition and Commissioners Weaver and Heard voting against it. The board believes the large majority of the people of Eddy county are averse to holding a special election at this time, but will allow the bridge bonds to be voted on at the general election next fall. The action of the board in thus turning down the matter for the present has caused many Artesians to feel aggrieved. However, the board must consider what is best for the county as a whole and not Artesia alone, even though the little town is one of the best and most enterprising in the valley.

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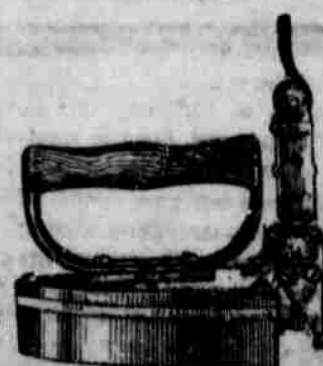
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